

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**County Council  
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**SUBJECT:** Question from County Councillor John Morris

**I have just received an email from you (8/01/19) which states the decision to remove the waste bins was made by cabinet last year and the consultation just finished was on how PCC implements the replacement green waste collections.**

**Many of my fellow councillors and members of the community of Powys will quite rightly be surprised and annoyed by this. Certainly in my ward we all felt that the consultation was about the whole future of green waste collection including the status quo. Many residents and councillors have responded to the consultation requesting the retention of the large bins.**

**Do you consider that you have misled members and the people of Powys who during the consultation have contacted the council to request the retention of the large bins and should you have informed residents of your earlier decision to withdraw the bins as part of the consultation detail?**

**Response**

It has always been quite clear regarding the decision on the removal of the garden waste banks and the introduction of the charged collection service. The recommendations agreed at the Cabinet meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 are as follows:

- 1) Introduce a chargeable green waste collection service, remove all green waste banks at Community Recycling Sites.
- 2) A consultation exercise is carried out during November so that residents can have a say in how the service should be implemented.

This was then communicated through all the usual media channels with significant coverage received. The consultation itself also clearly stated in the introduction that it was to gauge interest in the new service and also gather views on how the new service would look.

On this basis I would suggest that neither Members nor the public have been misled in any way.

